## PATENT APPLICATION

Examiner: Carolyn L. Smith

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Attorney Docket No.: 4062.51US05

Jack A. Zeineh et al. Confirmation No.: 8634

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING AN OPTIMAL IMAGE OF A MICROSCOPE SLIDE

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Application No.:

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Sir

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a), an extension of time of one (1) month (from August 12, 2009 to September 12, 2009) is requested, within which to file a continuing application claiming priority to the present application. Electronic payment is submitted by credit card to cover the extension fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 16-0631 any underpayments, overpayments or additionally required fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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